

# Senate File 333 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act enhancing the criminal penalty for committing an assault  
2 to further the commission of a theft from a retailer.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1988SS 83  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.2D SHOPLIFTING == ASSAULT.  
1 2 1. As used in this section:  
1 3 a. "Employee of a retailer" means an employee, contract  
1 4 employee, or agent of a retailer.  
1 5 b. "Retailer" means a person or business entity engaged in  
1 6 this state in the business of selling products on a retail  
1 7 basis.  
1 8 2. A person who commits a theft from a retailer and  
1 9 commits an assault against an employee of a retailer to  
1 10 further the commission of the theft, commits an assault that  
1 11 shall be classified and punished as an offense one degree  
1 12 higher than the underlying assault offense under section  
1 13 708.2.

## EXPLANATION

1 14 This bill enhances the criminal penalty for committing an  
1 15 assault to further the commission of a theft from a retailer.  
1 16 The bill provides that a person who commits a theft from a  
1 17 retailer and commits an assault against an employee of a  
1 18 retailer to further the commission of the theft, commits an  
1 19 assault that shall be punished one degree higher than the  
1 20 assault penalty under Code section 708.2.  
1 21 The bill defines a "retailer" to mean a person or business  
1 22 entity engaged in this state in the business of selling  
1 23 products on a retail basis, and an "employee of a retailer"  
1 24 means an employee, contract employee, or agent of the  
1 25 retailer.  
1 26  
1 27 LSB 1988SS 83  
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